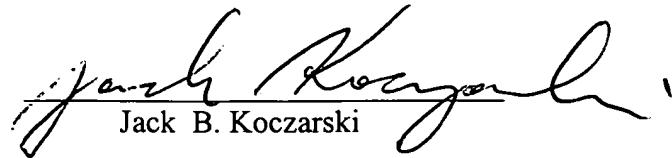
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In the Application of:

Tsipouras et al.

CASE NO.: IK-110.3(C)

APPLICATION NO.: 10/091,360

GROUP ART UNIT: 1631

FILED: March 4, 2002

EXAMINER: L.A.Clow

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMPUTER CONTROLLED RARE CELL,  
INCLUDING FETAL CELL, BASED DIAGNOSIS

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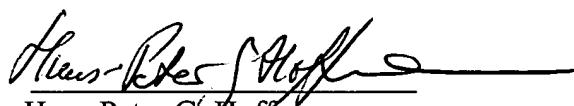
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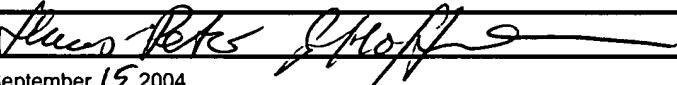
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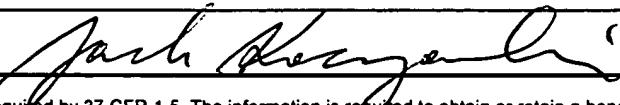
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